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Statement by the President of the Security Council

At the 4417th meeting of the Security Council, held on 15 November 2001, in connection with the Council's consideration of the item entitled "The situation in Burundi", the President of the Security Council made the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The Security Council expresses its deep gratitude to Madiba Nelson Mandela of South Africa for his dedicated service to the people of Burundi and the cause of peace in Central Africa. Building on the work of his predecessor, the late Mwalimu Julius Nyerere of Tanzania, Madiba has helped to give Burundi a chance for lasting peace, democracy, economic development and national reconciliation.

"The Security Council had in the statement of its President on 8 November 2001 (S/PRST/2001/33), welcomed the 1 November 2001 inauguration of Burundi's Transitional Government and expressed its appreciation for the instrumental role played by Madiba towards the creation of the Transitional Government. The Security Council had also expressed the hope that the region and the international community could continue to rely on his moral leadership and ingenious spirit that are essential for progress towards peace in Burundi.

"The Security Council acknowledges the sterling contribution of Madiba as Facilitator of the Arusha Peace Process in bringing together all the Parties, including the armed groups to engage in dialogue in order to facilitate an early cessation of hostilities in accordance with the Arusha Agreement. The Security Council commends Madiba for his tenacity and unwavering commitment towards political reconciliation in Burundi.

"The Security Council expresses its appreciation to Madiba and the South African Government for initiating the deployment of the first elements of the multinational security presence tasked with the protection of returning political leaders, without which the conditions would not have been conducive for the inauguration of the Burundi Transitional Government. These key successes have confirmed the trust and confidence which the Security Council and the international community have always had in Madiba.

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"The Security Council expresses its concern about the recent increase in violence and reiterates its call for an immediate cessation of hostilities in Burundi. The Security Council calls on all Burundians to reject violence and to pursue their objectives through the institutions and mechanisms of the transition process. The Security Council appeals to all Burundians and United Nations Member States to build on the momentum created through the efforts of Madiba and to support the Regional Peace Initiative and the Transitional Government and the Implementation Monitoring Committee."

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At the 4419th meeting of the Security Council, held on 15 November 2001, in connection with the Council's consideration of the item entitled "The situation in Angola", the President of the Security Council made the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The Security Council remains deeply concerned about the ongoing conflict in Angola. It holds Mr. Jonas Savimbi and the armed faction of the União Nacional para a Independência Total de Angola (UNITA) primarily responsible for the failure to implement the Lusaka Protocol. It expresses its deep concern at the resulting human rights and international humanitarian law violations, and the humanitarian crisis.

"The Security Council reaffirms that the Lusaka Protocol remains the only viable basis for a political settlement of the conflict in Angola. The failure by UNITA to implement the Lusaka Protocol (S/1994/1441, annex), the "Accordos de Paz" (S/22609, annex), and the relevant resolutions of the Security Council are the basis for the continuation of the Security Council sanctions against UNITA.

"The Security Council once again reaffirms its intention to keep sanctions under close and ongoing monitoring with a view to improving their effectiveness until it is convinced that the conditions in the relevant resolutions are met. It welcomes, in this regard, the ongoing review by the Sanctions Committee of the recommendations of the Monitoring Mechanism on sanctions against UNITA.

"The Security Council reiterates its call on Member States to comply fully with the implementation of the sanctions regime against UNITA. The Council notes the positive contribution of the Security Council Sanctions Committee established pursuant to resolution 864 (1993) and, in this regard, calls upon the Member States to cooperate fully with the Security Council Committee and the Monitoring Mechanism on sanctions against UNITA.

"The Security Council supports the Government of Angola in its efforts to implement the Lusaka Protocol including through the Fund for Peace and National Reconciliation. The Security Council supports the Government's intention to hold free and fair elections when appropriate conditions are in place. It encourages the Angolan authorities to continue, in consultation with all the political parties and the full participation of the civil society, their

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efforts for peace, stability and national reconciliation. The Council further encourages the Government of Angola to work for economic reform and to ensure transparent and accountable governance to provide a positive climate for peace.

"The Security Council expresses its concern that the continuing conflict in Angola is leading to a large number of internally displaced persons and a dire humanitarian situation. It welcomes the efforts of the Government of Angola to improve the humanitarian situation and the resettlement of the displaced population and calls upon it to increase its efforts to this end. It also calls upon the international community to continue to provide necessary humanitarian assistance. It stresses that humanitarian assistance should be provided to the population in need, throughout Angola.

"The Security Council supports the efforts of the civil society and the churches to alleviate the humanitarian situation and to facilitate national reconciliation.

"The Security Council welcomes the upcoming visit of the Secretary-General's Special Adviser on Africa to Angola for consultations with the Government, political parties and civil society representatives on how the United Nations could help in the advancement of the peace process. It also reiterates its support for the work of the United Nations Office in Angola in finding the solution to the Angolan conflict."